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Congressman Christopher Shays to Hold September 9 Hearing on

**“Combating Terrorism:
Preparing and Funding First Responders”**

(Washington, DC) -- Congressman Christopher Shays (R-CT), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, will convene an oversight hearing to review ongoing efforts to improve domestic preparedness, focusing particularly on the recent Council on Foreign Relations report, “Emergency Responders: Drastically Underfunded, Dangerously Unprepared.”

The report states that the United States will fall approximately \$98.4 billion short of meeting critical emergency responder needs over the next five years if current funding levels are maintained. Against this backdrop, the hearing will address the challenge of pricing emergency responder preparedness absent standardized requirements and the best short-term strategy for funding preparedness initiatives while developing these requirements.

The Tuesday, September 9, 2003 hearing will convene at 10:00 am in room 2203 of the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

Witnesses

Senator Warren B. Rudman

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